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Bill -

Attached is the transcript of the tape of Judge Webster's remarks at the SIS ceremony. I suggest you consider publishing all or part of the remarks in an employee bulletin - especially the portions about the special investigator and the Judge's expectations (fidelity to law and veracity) for all of us. If you agree, we can make the arrangements.

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REMARKS

BY

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DCI Remarks, SIS Promotion Ceremony, July 20, 1987

I'd like first to welcome the family members of all who are being honored here this afternoon. I know from a good many years of experience how much you have contributed, how much you have sacrificed, and how much you have been a part of our team. I thank you for all that you have done, and I know the men and women who are being honored this afternoon will be thinking of you when they receive their awards.

I'd also like to take this occasion to express my appreciation to Deputy Director Gates for the many months of strong leadership that he provided here as Acting Director.

Two times a year the Central Intelligence Agency has these promotion ceremonies for members of the Senior Intelligence Service. Those whom we honor are not only the leaders of the Central Intelligence Agency, they are also the role models for the many thousands of employees who serve their country through the CIA. You know, without my repeating it, the vital role that we play in our national security. It is a diverse role, one with more sweep to it than that of most of the agencies that I know of in our government.

We have important responsibilities in developing the information that shapes American foreign policy. Our intelligence--and our analysis of that

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intelligence--is absolutely vital to our foreign policy role. Our covert actions in support of foreign policy are indispensable to a nation of this size with its worldwide responsibilities as the leader of the free world. Our responsibilities in counterterrorism have been much in the headlines the past few years, and I do not see any signs that this responsibility will diminish in the foreseeable future. We have entered the list along with other agencies in an effort to deal with the problem of worldwide narcotics trafficking. And we have undertaken, as a part of our responsibility, to reduce the threat of technology transfer and all the risks that that implies. Those who, as our unseen soldiers of democracy, are serving the efforts to hold the line in support of anti-communist insurgencies around the world, are rendering heroic service to our country.

As we approach arms negotiations, and the prospect of treaties, our ability to determine the level of verification will be a major factor in advising the President on national security matters and on how far we can go. Our ability in military affairs to judge the intentions and the capabilities of our adversaries is really the front line in all that our defense effort does to preserve and protect our free society.

It isn't just those who are out there in different outposts around the world who make the difference. Many of you are assigned significant responsibilities in the collection of intelligence, the analysis of intelligence, and the management of our support systems without which that collection effort would be impossible.

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The day I was sworn in on May 26, I had the pleasure of participating with Bob Gates and the President in the decoration of four covert heros. And we honor them especially. But I pay my respects to all of you who, in your leadership, make the system work.

Much of what we do is secret and because of this there is often concern, occasional criticism, and often a great deal of confusion in the public eye about our work. We are going through a period of tension at the present time. Many committees are investigating the activities of the Iran-contra situation and that includes what role, if any, the CIA played in it. There is also a lot of speculation about what we are going to do about it here. I've tried to make my position clear, in response to some erroneous news reports, that I intend to do what I think is the logical thing to do, and that is to ascertain the facts as they come in. We'll review what various investigative agencies, including our own Inspector General, have to say about our conduct. If there are mistakes that were made, they will be corrected. If mistakes were not made, we'll make sure the proper people know that we were doing the right thing.

I'll probably bring someone on board, who did not participate, and who was not here, to help me assess the information that is already available. This will not be a new and separate investigation, but I simply want to make sure that the job is done correctly while I address myself to all the responsibilities that have been given to me by the President, about which you are well aware.

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In the meantime, your role--and I am speaking to the honorees today--your role as leaders and managers is to do what all of us are trying to do which is, simply put, to do our work with absolute fidelity to the Constitution and the laws and the rules that are put in place to help protect us as well as our society. And in terms of our accountability--whether it is to the Congress, to the National Security Council, to the President, or to the public--to deal with absolute credibility and veracity. There are many things that we have to do that require deception as a part of our responsibilities. But that does not include deception of those who have a right to know from us what we are doing. These two things--fidelity to law, and absolute veracity to those in government with whom we work--provide that element of trust without which this agency could not function, and without which we certainly would be subjected to the most severe kinds of restraint and unable to do the job that the American people expect of us.

And so I that ask all of you who are being honored today accept with that honor and that promotion, and demand of those above you, that level of veracity and that level of fidelity to law that I have spoken of, and that you impart it, and the sense of it, to all of those who work for you.

Our nation needs our service. Those of you who are being promoted today are the present leaders and future leaders of this agency who will be here long after I have passed the scene. You play a major role in ensuring that this agency can continue to meet a steadily growing diversity of demands and requirements, that it can sustain the ethics and integrity of our profession,

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and can motivate and retain the people that fill our ranks and perform our mission. You will have to continue to attract into this agency the finest and most inquiring minds, dedicated men and women who consider service in this crucial work more important than fame or wealth and worthy of their highest aspirations for a better and a safer world.

STAT And now if Ted Price, our Personnel Director, and [redacted] our Chief of Protocol, will join me, we'll present the promotion certificates.

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